



# SEPTEMBER 2006 CALENDAR

## BLACKSTONE RIVER & CANAL HERITAGE STATE PARK

### RIVERBEND FARM STATE RESERVATION

| Sunday   | Monday    | Tuesday   | Wednesday                        | Thursday                                      | Friday                                    | Saturday   |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|---|---|--|
|  |           |           |                                  |   | 1<br><br>Story Time<br>4 pm-4:30 pm       | 2<br>Birdwalk<br>8 am-9:30 am<br><br>Canal Walk<br>1pm-230pm   |
| 3  | 4         | 5         | 6                                | 7<br>Harvest season<br>meeting<br>4 pm- 7 pm  | 8<br>Forestry Foliage<br>Walk<br>2pm-4pm  | 9<br>Birdwalk<br>8 am-9:30 am<br><br>Dog Walk<br>10am-4pm  |
| 10<br>Carp fishing derby<br>10 am-4 pm<br><br>night hike<br>8pm-10pm | 11        | 12        | 13                               | 14<br>Harvest season<br>meeting<br>4 pm- 7 pm | 15<br>Forestry Foliage<br>Walk<br>2pm-4pm | 16<br>Birdwalk<br>8 am-9:30 am<br><br>Canal Walk<br>1pm-230pm<br><br>Star Gazing<br>8:30 pm-10:30 pm |
| 17   | 18<br>off | 19<br>off | 20<br>Interpreters Mtg.<br>9 - 3 | 21<br>Harvest season<br>meeting<br>4 pm- 7 pm | 22<br>Forestry Foliage<br>Walk<br>2pm-4pm | 23<br>Birdwalk<br>8 am-9:30 am<br><br>Canal Walk<br>1pm-230pm  |
| 24<br>Wagon Ride<br>(time unknown, call<br>for details)              | 25        | 26        | 27                               | 28<br>Harvest season<br>meeting<br>4 pm- 7 pm | 29<br>Forestry Foliage<br>Walk<br>2pm-4pm | 30<br>Civil War<br>encampment all day<br>till the 1 <sup>st</sup> of<br>October.                     |



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### Special Events:

**Canal walk:** once a week we will be walking a one mile section of the Blackstone canal by river bend farm, on this walk I will discuss the history of the area, covering the history of the construction, operation, and demise of the canal, as well as the history of local farms and towns that were greatly affected by the canal construction and the economic boom that it created.

**Stargazing:** Once a month, we will have an astronomy seminar at river bend farm with Frank Ascoli. This exciting seminar will take you on a journey through the starry sky, where you will see many spectacular celestial points of interest and learn much about the universe.

**Night Hike:** Once a month, we will explore the nocturnal wildlife of the Blackstone valley. The first session will be on local bats and owls, the second session will be on local frogs and their sounds, and the third session will be on local nocturnal insects. The program will consist of a moderate hike of about a mile either on the Blackstone canal or up goat hill. Please bring flashlights and a sense of adventure and curiosity.

**Harvest season classes:** This will focus mainly on the history of work and products in the local area before, during, and after the industrial revolution. Each week we will have a discussion on a particular profession of the time, after which the class will learn how to make their own products by using the methods of the time. Examples include, candle making, cobbling, sewing, and making cider.

**Fall Foliage Hikes:** Each week we will explore the astounding trails throughout the Uxbridge area, taking in the beautiful and vivid colors of the autumn forest. On the hike I will discuss a certain species of tree, and their history within the area.